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FOLLOWING REPEAT MANILA 13173 SENT SECSTATE DATED SEPT 18.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 13173

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, RP

SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES REMAINING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

REF: A) STATE 216690; B) STATE 184507; :) STATE 212257

1. EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED FALCON MESSAGES ON 90 REFUGEES WHO CLEARLY MEET EXISTING CRITERIA. AS MANY REFUGEES ARE NOT LOCATED IN REFUGEE CENTERS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN HOW MANY ADDITIONAL REFUGEES COULD MEET EXISTING CRITERIA IF THEY APPLY. NEW CASES COME TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION WEEKLY VIA MESSAGES FROM CAMPS IN U.S. EMBASSY ESTIMATES 40 ADDITIONAL REFUGEES COULD MEET EXISTING CRITERIA. TOTAL 130.

2. AMONG REFUGEES REMAINING IN PHILIPPINES ARE 22 STUDENTS WHO ARRIVED HERE PRIOR TO MARCH 15, 1975 AND HAVE BEEN FINANCED BY THE SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL CENTER (SEARCA). EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO FUNDING HAS BEEN 20./..

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IN VIEW OF PARTIAL FU DING BY USG, EMBASSY

RECOMMENDS THAT THE 22 SEARCA STUDENTS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS (IF ANY) BE CONSIDERED FOR PAROLEE STATUS AS WAS DONE WITH THE AID GRANTEES (REF B).

3. VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS OF ALL CATEGORIES IN THE PHILIPPINES NUMBER LESS THAN 1400. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THESE HAVE BEEN RESETTLED. AT THE PRESENT TIME ABOUT 150 REFUGEES REMAIN IN REFUGEE CENTER ON OUTSKIRTS OF MANILA. APPROXIMATELY 50./. OF THIS GROUP WILL MOVE TO U.S. AND ARE INCLUDED IN 90 REFUGEE MENTIONED IN PARA 1. EMBASSY HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT REMAINING 50 ./.. ARE GOP RESPONSIBILITY AND SHOULD BE RESETTLED HERE. AN EXPANSION OF CRITERIA FOR REFUGEES WHO EVACUATED FROM VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA WITHIN THE MARCH 15, 1975 TO JULY 1, 1975 PERIOD WILL THUS NOT MAKE ANY MORE REFUGEES ELIGIBLE HERE. IF THE MARCH 15, 1975 DATE IS RELAXED, PERHAPS AS MANY AS 30 MORE REFUGEES, IN ADDITION TO 22 STUDENTS IN PARA 2 WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET CATEGORY 1 CRITERIA.

4. EMBASSY HAS CONSISTENTLY PRODDED GOP TO TAKE ITS SHARE OF REFUGEES. GOP HAS ACCEPTED RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF REFUGEES WITH THE GREATEST RELUCTANCE. GIVEN THIS HARD LINE ATTITUDE, EMBASSY WISHES REEMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF NOT ALLOWING PASSENGERS FROM BARGE-TANKE HONG MINH TO DEPART SABAH FOR PHILIPPINES (REF C).

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